

**Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
Alabama Emergency Response Technology (ALERT)
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Modifications to Reporting Requirements for Negative SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Results

On March 8, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released updated guidance that makes the **reporting of negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test results optional**. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is adopting this change in reporting, **effective June 1, 2022**. This change in reporting supersedes the previous guidance stated in The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act released by HHS on June 4, 2020.

Reporting requirements for molecular test results should remain unchanged. Both positive and negative laboratory results from a molecular amplification test (e.g. PCR, NAAT) and rapid PCR test must be reported to ADPH.

Additional Resources and Information

Reporting Lab Data

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/reporting-lab-data.html#who-must-report>

COVID-19 Pandemic Response, Laboratory Data Reporting: CARES Act Section 18115

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/lab/HHS-Laboratory-Reporting-Guidance-508.pdf>